

CLAIMS

I claim:

- 1 1. A vertical utensil holder, comprising:
2 at least one upright support rod;
3 a plurality of receptacles adapted for receiving a utensil,
4 the plurality of receptacles being mounted on the at least one
5 support rod one above another and in vertical alignment defining
6 a column of elevated receptacles.
- 1 2. The vertical utensil holder according to claim 1,
2 wherein said at least one upright support rod consists of a
3 single upright support rod having a bottom end, the vertical
4 utensil holder further comprising a horizontally disposed base
5 receptacle adapted for receiving a utensil, the base receptacle
6 being attached to the bottom end of said support rod, said
7 column of elevated receptacles being disposed above the base
8 receptacle in vertical alignment therewith.
- 1 3. The vertical utensil holder of claim 2, further
2 comprising a spacer, said spacer being disposed below each of
3 said elevated receptacles.

1 4. The vertical utensil holder of claim 2, wherein each
2 elevated receptacle further includes a circular aperture defined
3 therein for slidably receiving said rod.

1 5. The vertical utensil holder of claim 2, wherein the
2 bottom end of said rod has a square shape and said base
3 receptacle includes a square-shaped aperture defined therein for
4 receiving and frictionally engaging the bottom end.

1 6. The vertical utensil holder of claim 2, wherein each
2 said elevated receptacle includes a depression defined on an
3 upper surface thereof adapted for corresponding in shape to the
4 contours of kitchen utensils.

1 7. The vertical utensil holder of claim 2, wherein said
2 base receptacle includes a depression on an upper surface
3 thereof adapted for corresponding in shape to the contours of
4 kitchen utensils.

1 8. The vertical utensil holder of claim 2, wherein each
2 said elevated receptacle and said base receptacle includes
3 handle fasteners for securing a kitchen utensil thereto.

1 9. The vertical utensil holder of claim 8, wherein said
2 handle fasteners are spring clasps.

1 10. The vertical utensil holder of claim 2, further
2 comprising a horizontal support, said base receptacle being
3 affixed to the horizontal support.

1 11. The vertical utensil holder of claim 2, wherein said
2 base receptacle is adapted for being affixed to a flat board.

1 12. The vertical utensil holder of claim 1, further
2 comprising at least one upright compartment mounted vertically
3 alongside said column of elevated receptacles.

1 13. The vertical utensil holder according to claim 1,
2 wherein said at least one upright support rod comprises a
3 plurality of upright support rods, the vertical utensil holder
4 further comprising a plurality of receptacle tracks, each
5 receptacle track having a pair of side rails and an end rail
6 joined together to form a "U" guide, each of the rails having a
7 lengthwise channel formed therein, each of said receptacles
8 being a tray slidably disposed in one of said receptacle guides.

1 14. The vertical utensil holder according to claim 13,
2 wherein each said receptacle tray is a generally flat, planar,
3 rectangular member having linear side edges, each of said
4 receptacle trays being slidably disposed in said guides, the

5 side edges being slidably disposed in the channels defined by
6 the side rails and end rails of said guides.

1 15. The vertical utensil holder according to claim 13,
2 wherein each said receptacle tray has a depression defined in an
3 upper surface thereof corresponding in shape to contours of a
4 kitchen utensil.

1 16. The vertical utensil holder according to claim 1,
2 wherein each said at least one receptacle tray further comprises
3 a hood covering at least part of each said receptacle.

1 17. The vertical utensil holder according to claim 1,
2 wherein each said receptacle further comprises a handle support
3 defined on an upper surface thereof.

1 18. A vertical utensil holder, comprising:
2 a horizontally disposed first base receptacle,
3 an upright front support rod extending from a front end of
4 said first base receptacle;
5 at least one upright rear support rod extending from a rear
6 end of said first base receptacle;
7 a plurality of elevated receptacles connected to and
8 disposed between said front and said rear support rods, said
9 elevated receptacles being in stacked relation with respect to
10 one another and in vertical alignment with respect to said first
11 base receptacle, said plurality of elevated receptacles defining
12 a first column of elevated receptacles.

1 19. The vertical utensil holder of claim 18, further
2 including:

3 a second base receptacle;

4 a plurality of elevated receptacles, said elevated
5 receptacles being disposed in stacked relation with respect to
6 one another and in vertical alignment with said second base
7 receptacle, said plurality of elevated receptacles defining a
8 second column of elevated receptacles;

9 an upright front support rod extending from a front end of
10 said second base receptacle and attached to said second column
11 of elevated receptacles;

12 at least one rear support rod extending from a rear end of
13 said second base receptacle and attached to said second column
14 of elevated receptacles;

15 wherein said first and second base receptacles are horizontally
16 aligned and joined with one another.

1 20. A vertical utensil holder, comprising:
2 a body;
3 a plurality of receptacles defined in said body, each
4 receptacle having a handle supporting end, the receptacles being
5 defined in a vertical arrangement.